

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1 and 18 as follows.

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application.

## **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A stair tread for use on a top of a stair step to prevent slipping on said stair step, comprising:  
an upper layer sized and shaped to be applicable to the top side of said a stair step;  
and  
a non-skid material provided to an underside of said upper layer, said non-skid material enabling the stair tread to remain in place on the top of the stair step without being permanently attached, wherein said stair tread can be placed on said top of said stair step to prevent slipping on said stair step and be easily and quickly removed from said stair step without marring said stair step.
2. (Original) The stair tread in claim 1, wherein said upper layer comprises a rug.
3. (Original) The stair tread in claim 2, wherein said rug is braided.
4. (Original) The stair tread in claim 1, wherein said upper layer is made from one or more of cotton, wool and a polyester material.
5. (Original) The stair tread in claim 1, wherein said non-skid material comprises a mat.
6. (Original) The stair tread in claim 5, wherein said mat is made from one or both of a natural non-skid material and a synthetic non-skid material.
7. (Original) The stair tread in claim 6, wherein said natural non-skid material is one or both of a latex and a rubber material.

8. (Original) The stair tread in claim 6, wherein said synthetic non-skid material is one or more of plastic, thermoplastic, elastomeric and PVC material.

9. (Original) The stair tread in claim 1, wherein said upper layer is connected to said non-skid material using a binding.

10. (Original) The stair tread in claim 9, wherein said binding is the same material as said upper layer.

11. (Original) The stair tread in claim 9, wherein said binding is applied to the outer perimeter of said upper layer.

12. (Original) The stair tread in claim 11, wherein said binding connects said outer perimeter of said upper layer to an outer edge of said non-skid material.

13. (Original) The stair tread in claim 1, wherein said upper layer is fastened to said non-skid material using an adhesive.

14. (Original) The stair tread in claim 1, wherein said non-skid material has a coefficient of friction sufficient to prevent skidding of said stair tread when applied to a stair step and stepped upon by a person.

15. (Original) The stair tread in claim 1, wherein said non-skid material is provided as a sheet of material.

16. (Original) The stair tread in claim 1, wherein said non-skid material is provided as a web of material.

17. (Original) The stair tread in claim 1, wherein said non-skid material is provided in a waffle shaped configuration.

18. (Currently Amended) A stair tread for use on a top of a stair step to prevent slipping on said stair step, comprising:

an upper layer comprising a rug that is shaped to be received on the top of said a stair step, said upper layer being sized to cover a major portion of the top of the stair step; and

a layer of non-skid material having a periphery that corresponds to a rug periphery of said upper layer, said layer of non-skid material being bound to an underside of said upper layer at said periphery by way of a binding, said non-skid material enabling the stair tread to remain in place on the top of the stair step without being permanently attached, wherein said stair tread can be placed on said top of said stair step to prevent slipping on said stair step and easily and quickly removed from said stair step without marring said stair step.